

BASE-BALL IS NEARING END
Little More Than One Week Longer of Play This Season
THE PENNANTS BOTH WON
Pittsburg and Boston, the Rival Champions, Will Play a Post-Season Series—Order of Other Teams—Fast Fielding—Gossip.

But a week remains of the base-ball playing season in the National League, and just ten days more in the American. Already interest in the two pennant competitions has ceased, for Pittsburg now has surely within its grasp for the third successive season the pennant of the National, and Boston is even more surely the winner in the American. The remainder of the season is merely a struggle for positions among the other seven clubs. Despite the competition afforded by two major leagues or evenly balanced leagues, both have managed to develop and have played very evenly divided the patronage. Owing to the great improvement in the form of the New York, Chicago and Cincinnati teams attendance in those cities has increased, thus enabling the older league to hold its own and even lead the American in point of patronage.

In the American League the patronage has been good in Boston and Philadelphia, but disappointing in New York, where the new team did not develop as expected. While the National League team excelled all expectations, Cleveland has never been strong in patronage, and it is only lately that the team there has begun to show its ability and to figure in the competition for honor.

In the National League New York is now in second place, but its lead over Chicago is so small that the Windy City team will possibly displace it, even in the few days left for playing. Cincinnati, too, is playing at home, and is putting up a first class game now, but it cannot land better than fourth. The other teams will likely finish in their present order.

HARD FIGHT IN AMERICAN.
In the American race Cleveland is in second place and likely to stay there, it being possible, however, for the Athletics, of Philadelphia, to wrest the place from them. The eastern team have the advantage of the schedule, for the remainder of the season in the American there is little hope of Griffith's New York team landing higher than fourth, where it now stands, for Philadelphia has an even chance of winning as many games during the remainder of the season, and will almost surely hold its own. Detroit can hardly land higher, even with its heavy batting and a brace of fine pitchers. The other teams will finish in the order named. This league presents a fine showing of strength in the fact that during the past three seasons three separate teams have won the pennant, Chicago, the first American League pennant winner, will hardly finish better than seventh, and the Philadelphia Athletics, last season's champions, hanging on doggedly in the hope of capturing second place, should Cleveland take a slump.

TEAMS ARE STRENGTHENING.
All the teams of both leagues are preparing to strengthen their forces for next season. They have agents out watching the minor league youngsters for talent that promises development, and already a number of new players have been signed by the major league managers. The weak spots in the team are being searched out, and the feeble hitters and slow fielders are to be given their release.

Washington, with a team including some veteran and some brilliant young material, has made a very poor showing, landing in the last hole without a competitor for the honor. Team play and hitting are lacking. Orth, Lee and Townsend are pitchers that would make a brilliant showing with the Boston field to support them and its scientific hitting to make every chance productive of runs.

VALUE OF FAST FIELDING.
A game recently played by the New York and Philadelphia American League teams well illustrates the importance of fast and sharp fielding in winning games, and how a pitcher's reputation can be saved by the men in the outfield. In the game referred to Clarke Griffith, the manager and star pitcher of the New York team, was hit safely but seven times, but the three New York outfielders are credited with fourteen put outs. One or two of these flies, if muffed or misjudged, might have changed the result of the game. Full, in center field, is credited with seven putouts, a record, indeed. In another game in which Chesbro pitched, the New York outfield had not a single put out nor assist. The Athletics got but four hits. All of which goes to show that some pitchers are more dependent on their fielding support than others for their reputations.

RICHMOND BASE-BALL HUNGRY.
The probability is that Richmond will have a base-ball team next year, either in a strong State league or in an Eastern inter-state league. After several years without league base-ball the Richmond public is said by those familiar with the situation to be eager for good base-ball, and it is believed by many that a good club in a strong league would be a paying investment. The history of local base-ball and the large number of major league players developed here sufficiently attest the character of base-ball that the city desires and is accustomed to.

POST-SEASON SERIES.
The Philadelphia Times prints the following: At the close of the regular championship season the Athletics and Phillies will play a series of ten games, the two Chicago clubs will play one of fifteen games, Cincinnati and Cleveland will play for the championship of Ohio, Boston and Pittsburg will play a series of seven games or more for the championship of the country, and it is not likely that the Brooklyn club will play some of the American League clubs. Despite this exhibition of good feeling between the majority of the one-time warring managers, Brer Brush refuses to become reconciled, and give his Giants the requisite permission to collide with Griffith's New York Americans.

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A great sale begins to-morrow morning—at no point has quality or quantity been slighted. The prices we quote means a wide distribution at money-saving prices.

Pure Linen Bleached Damasks.....50c.	Art and Embroidery Linens, many widths and grades.....
Napkins.....\$1.00	Table and Stand Covers, in plain white and colors, that do not fade.....
Elegant line of Towels, ranging from low-est, each.....\$1.25	

WALLACE'S BIG SHOW BE HERE TO-MORROW

MADAME MARANTTETE,
Or "St. Patrick," with a jumping record of 7 feet and 5 inches, with the Wallace Shows.

Trains Arrive To-Day and Will Unload---The Route Arranged for the Parade To-Morrow---Some of the Many Excellent Features That Are to Be Presented.

One of the best shows that ever visited Richmond will renew acquaintances in this city to-morrow. The two trains of the Great Wallace Show will arrive early this morning over the Chesapeake and Ohio, and the show will be quickly and quietly unloaded and taken to the exhibition grounds at the head of Clay Street. Circus people like to rest as well as any other class of people, and on the Sabbath day they are in the habit of doing as little work as possible. With the words of six hundred horses and over a hundred ponies, it is necessary that they be cared for. The big circus tent will not be erected to-day.

THIS PARADE ROUTE.
A few years ago the Wallace circus experienced a serious runaway during its parade. The circumstance afforded an opportunity for a display of skillful driving, which was witnessed by thousands of people who have never forgotten it. The Wallace show has been enlarged by the addition of another train, having a number of larger wagons and dens than it ever had before. Not wishing to take any chances this time during the parade the route for the street parade will be changed to Clay, Adams, Grace, Ninth, Capitol, Tenth, Broad to Bow, to the lot. The Wallace show has always made an excellent parade, and those who will make an effort to secure a good position from which to see the parade will not regret it. Excursions have been arranged for circus day, the parade will not leave the show lot until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, so as to give the out-of-town people a chance to see this great free attraction.

Marion Zouaves and several of the featured attractions appear near the close of the show and should not be missed by the patrons.

WALLACE ALWAYS PLEASES.
Upon each of its former visits to this city the Wallace Show has always pleased and it has a reputation in this section of Virginia second to none. The performance given by Mr. Wallace may be depended upon to be out of the ordinary; many of his acts and novelties are not to be seen elsewhere. From the press of other cities and the remarks of a few of Richmond's citizens who have seen the show this year, Wallace's circus is larger and even better than heretofore. With pretty women, handsome costumes, beautiful horses and ponies by the hundreds in the country, and about scores of excellent numbers, it is safe to say that the Wallace Show is capable of more than pleasing the thousands that will attend its performances in this city to-morrow.

A JEALOUS HIPPO.
One of the most annoying things to the animal keepers in charge of a menagerie is the surprising ignorance and indifference of a majority of people toward the beasts and birds of the forests. There are but a few zoological collections in the country, and about the only opportunity a majority of the people have to study natural history from real life is upon the occasional visit of some big show.

B. E. Wallace, the sole owner of the big show which will exhibit in Richmond to-morrow, paid \$6,000 for a giant hippopotamus four years ago. It is a magnificent specimen of the river horse, and a most interesting source of study for the student of nature. Very few people can tell whether a hippopotamus is web-footed or whether it has teeth. The average person does not know that it is a mammal allied to the elephant; that it has a short, thick, heavy body, short legs terminated by four toes, a short tail with plenty of hair, except at the extremity of its tail, and that it feeds on herbage exclusively.

"Big George," the hip, knows his value, and he knows that the public is not near as well acquainted with him as it pretends to be. When he first joined the circus he seemed annoyed because the pesky, cheap, sickly, treacherous little monkey attracted more attention than he did. Although he is not shown the attention and homage that are his due, "Big George" has ceased to show his disappointment, but lies contentedly in the mammoth tank of water in his big cage, and in parade he will make 600-600 eyes at the crowd or open his mouth because some one told him to do it.

Engaged?
Cupid has been un-failing in his aim during the past three months—for he has all the summer, at the seashore, in the mountains, been quietly welding hearts, making sweethearts. Next in order is the engagement ring! Be sure to come here for it—for we have them from the inexpensive to the ones set with diamonds and precious stones.

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New Autumn Silks and Velvets.
With the coming of autumn our Silk Department shows unparalleled activity. The new creations of the Silk world are unusually attractive; the matchless elegance of weave and beauty of pattern find a multitude of ardent admirers. We have by far the largest assortment we ever presented, which is a modest way of saying the largest ever shown in the South, and as our early purchases were made under the most favorable conditions, there are price advantages for our patrons not to be had elsewhere. An early visit of inspection will amply reward you, as the choice, exclusive novelties are already being freely taken. This week will be devoted to the display and sale of these beautiful Silk and Velvet favorites. For Monday the following attractive special prices will prevail:

Fancy Silks, in boucle and hair-line square effects.....75c.	Plain Colored Silks, in a large range of colors.....37c. to \$1.00
Fancy Silks, in handsome zig-zag designs, white on grounds of blue, brown, green, grey, black; also black on white.....\$1.00	Plain Colored Velvets, in carefully selected shades, in our special number.....\$1.00
Fancy Velvet, in very dainty figures, just the thing for waists and suits....75c. and \$1.00	Black Taffeta, 36-inch.....75c. to \$1.50
	Black Beau de Soie, 36-inch.....\$1.10 to \$2.00

Season's Newest Dress Goods.
Just received a full line of 64-inch Zibeline, in all the leading shades, sell, yard.....60c. and \$1
52-inch Ringford's Fancy Suiting in green and dark blue, only, yard.....\$1.50
60-inch All-Shrunk Cravenette Cloth, the very thing for walking skirts, now, yard.....\$1.50
All-Wool Novelties, in blue, grey, brown, tan; the thing for tailor-made suits, only, yard.....\$1

Splendid Values in Fall Wash Goods
We start the Fall selling with some of the best offerings we've ever known.
New Flannelettes, 27 inches wide, for wrappers, waists and dressing jackets, a good 12 1/2c. quality, for.....10c.
Flannelettes, Persian and French flannel patterns, 32 inches wide, a good 20c. quality, for, yard.....15c.
Extra new line of Pretty Percale, for fall and winter wear, at, yard.....12 1/2c.
32-inch Oxfords, for waists, good 16 1/2-3c. quality, for, yard, 10c.
300 pieces of New Fall Calicoes and Prints, in Indigos, Grays, etc., to sell, yard.....5c. and 6 1/2c.
Every desirable shade of Solid Color Outings, and neat patterns for children's wear, extra quality, for, yard.....10c.

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BEAUTIFUL PARKS ON EVERY HAND
Sacred Concerts to Be Given this Afternoon at the Reservoir.
There are now enough attractions in the various parks convenient to Richmond to make Mrs. Richmond, her husband and family spend every afternoon and much of the day Sunday enjoying nature's splendors. Added to the beauties of fall flowers and foliage are the sacred concerts given by fardella's band this afternoon and evening at the Reservoir. These concerts, for which a special programme has been arranged, will be from 2 to 6:30 P. M., and 6:45 to 10 P. M. Among the selections to be played at both concerts to-day are the following, all of which have been arranged by request:
"Hungarian Fantasia".....Tubant
"The Holy City".....Adam
Gems from the "Bohemian Girl".....Balfie
"The Pilgrim's Chorus, from Tannhauser".....Wagner
"Cavalleria Rusticana".....Masogni
"Peggy from Paris".....being selections from Ade and Lorraine's latest musical comedy success, will be played for the first time in Richmond at these two concerts.
While the band concerts will, of course, draw large crowds, yet those who are fond of home decorating have the golden rod and other fall flowers, as well as the many colored and beautiful tinted autumn leaves, in profusion at almost every terminus of the various street car lines. Lovers of flowers find an unlimited opportunity for indulging their golden rod and other fall flowers, as well as the many colored and beautiful tinted autumn leaves, in profusion at almost every terminus of the various street car lines. Lovers of flowers find an unlimited opportunity for indulging their golden rod and other fall flowers, as well as the many colored and beautiful tinted autumn leaves, in profusion at almost every terminus of the various street car lines. Lovers of flowers find an unlimited opportunity for indulging their golden rod and other fall flowers, as well as the many colored and beautiful tinted autumn leaves, in profusion at almost every terminus of the various street car lines.

REV. MR. FURMAN TO STAY LONGER
Crayon Evangelist to Spend Another Week in the City.
Rev. Charles Elmer Furman, at the Methodist Institute, has been such a success that Rev. George H. Willey, the superintendent, has prevailed on him to stay over for another week.
Mr. Furman draws beautiful pictures with lightning rapidity while he preaches the gospel. The engagements for the rest of his stay are as follows:
This morning at 8 o'clock, Methodist Institute; Union Station Sunday-school at 9:30; Methodist Institute, 3 o'clock and 8 o'clock.
Mr. Furman will hold service every night this week at Methodist Institute, Sunday morning, September 27th, 9:30 o'clock, at Trinity Sunday-school, and 3 o'clock at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. He will close his work that night by a service at the Methodist Institute.